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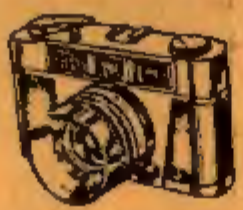

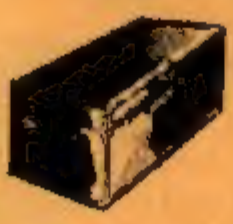

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IT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, JUDOMASTER, THIS MEETING IS BUT A MERE TASTE OF THINGS TO COME! HA, HA, HA, HA!
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, PAL! BUT THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BETTER GIMMICK THAN A GUN THAT SHOOTS SPAGHETTI!
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JUDOMASTER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE, TIGE, ...SOON AS I GET UNTANGLED!
THE ACROBAT IS INDEED A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT, RIP! PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE ALL...
NO! SOMETHING IS JUST NOT RIGHT! HE INFILTRATED OUR ISLAND TOO EASILY...
...I'M SURE HE HAD INSIDE HELP!
I CAN'T BELIEVE ONE OF US HERE WORKS FOR THE JAPANESE! THE LOYALTY OF OUR MEN IS BEYOND QUESTION!
EVERY MAN AMONG US IS WILLINGTO SACRIFICE HIS OWN LIFE IN ORDER TO DEFEAT JAPAN...THAT IS ALMOST EVERY MAN HERE! THERE'S ONE NEWCOMER...
"...HE WAS FOUND LYING ON THE BEACH BY ONE OF OUR PATROLS..."
"...HE CLAIMED TO BE A FISHERMAN FROM A NEARBY ISLAND WASHED ASHORE WHEN HIS BOAT SWAMPED IN A STORM!"

...HE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY WATCHED AND TOLD NOTHING OF OUR ANTI-JAPANESE ACTIVITIES! IF HE IS THE INFORMANT, THERE MUST BE ANOTHER IN OUR MIDST WITH A LOOSE TONGUE AND HE IS THE IMPORTANT LINK!
THE REAL INFORMER STILL IS AMONG US!
THE PROBLEM IS WHO? THERE IS NO ONE WE WOULDN'T TRUST WITH OUR VERY LIVES!
THE STRANGER MOVES SWIFTLY THROUGH THE CAVE AND INTO THE DENSE JUNGLE!
HE'S IN A MIGHTY BIG HURRY FOR SOMEONE WHOSE CHORES ARE DONE FOR THE DAY!
EVERY MOVE THE NEWCOMER MAKES IS CAREFULLY OBSERVED BY RIP JAGGER, JUDOMASTER! THE STRANGER GIVES NO CAUSE FOR SUSPICION, UNTIL...
HMMM... HE LEFT SO QUIETLY, I ALMOST MISSED HIM! MAYBE THIS IS IT!
NET COM CENTER, THIS IS OPERATIVE SIX...COME IN...COME IN! I HAVE VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR YOU...I HAVE NO TIME TO ENCODE IT...
JUDOMASTER'S VIGILANCE IS REWARDED...
A RADIO TRANSMITTER! THAT'S HOW HE CONTACTS HIS JAP BUDDIES, BUT WHO GIVES HIM THE INFO?

I AM SURE OF THIS INFORMATION! SUZIKAWA HERSELF GAVE IT TO ME...
NO! IT'S NOT TRUE...
YOU LIE!!! SUZI IS NOT A TRAITOR... SHE CAN'T BE!
HIIAAAEEE!
UNGHHH!
YOU DON'T FOOL ME, CURLY! I CAN SMELL A SET-UP A MILE AWAY!
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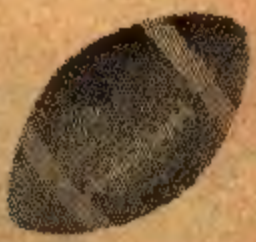

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UNGH!!!
THE UNEXPECTED KICK CAUSES JUDOMASTER TO BE DAZED JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR THE JAP TO GET A HEAD START!
THE SCARLET SMASHER GIVES CHASE... ANXIOUS TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS!
AN OLD-FASHIONED FLYING TACKLE DROPS HIS MAN WITH A LOUD THUD!
IT'S NOT OFTEN I GET A CHANCE TO PLAY FOOTBALL AROUND HERE! IF ONLY VINCE LOMBARDI COULD SEE ME NOW!

JUDOMASTER APPLIES HIS OWN VERSION OF TOMOENAGE, THE STOMACH THROW...
HERE'S A GAME I CALL "ELEVATOR"... GOING UP.. SECOND FLOOR.. HARDWARE... NOTIONS... TOYS...
GOING DOWN... BASEMENT.. LOUD NOISE... CRACKED RIBS... BIG HEADACHE!
OKAY, LET'S HAVE IT! I WANT THE TRUTH... NOW!!!
E...ENOUGH...I...I SUBMIT!
I...SPEAK THE TRUTH! SUZI IS AGENT...I SWEAR IT!
NO! IT CAN'T BE!

SUZI...A SPY...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHY! WHY DID SHE DO IT?
JUDOMASTER'S REACTION WAS EXACTLY THE WAY THE JAPS ANTICIPATED IT! NOW THE PLOT TO DESTROY JUDOMASTER BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE!
JUDOMASTER! WHAT.. WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?
LEAVE ME ALONE...I LEARNED NOTHING!
BUT YOU MUST HAVE...WE SAW YOU FOLLOW HIM!
LAY OFF ME, TIGE! I'LL HANDLE THIS MY OWN WAY!
SUZI!
WHY? JUST GIVE ME ONE REASON WHY!!!
THEN...THEN YOU KNOW?

YES, IT'S TRUE, RIP! BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...I HAD TO CO-OPERATE!
PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN...I HAD TO DO IT!
WHAT IS THERE TO SAY?
THE JAPANESE SUB HAS RETURNED... WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY!
SOMEHOW I FEEL THEY WANT ONLY ME
OH, R P, HOW CAN I MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND?
MEANWHILE, ON THE SUB
BY NOW OUR PLAN TO DESTROY JUDOMASTER SHOULD BE ALMOST COMPLETE! HIS SPIRIT SHOULD BE BROKEN ENOUGH! NOW WE ATTACK AND KILL THEM ALL EXCEPT FOR HIM!
HE IS MINE! I SHALL RETURN HIM TO JAPAN PERSONALLY FOR ALL TO SEE... THE ACROBAT IS SUPREME!

AS THE SUB SURFACES OFF-SHORE, JUDOMASTER PONDERS THE FATE OF HIMSELF AND HIS COMRADES!
PLEASE R.P! YOU MUST LISTEN! THE JAPS HAVE MY BROTHER! THEY SAID IF I DIDN'T HELP, THEY WILL KILL HIM.
I ONLY PRETENDED TO HELP, GIVING THEM USELESS INFORMATION...STALLING FOR TIME!
I WOULD NEVER BETRAY OUR CAUSE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I LOVE MY BROTHER!
SHE SPEAKS THE TRUTH, RIP! NOW THEY DEMAND YOU IN EXCHANGE HIS LIFE!
R.P DECIDES WITHOUT HESITATION...
DON'T, JUDOMASTER, YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS!
YOU CANNOT SACRIFICE YOURSELF, RIP, WAIT!
THEY AREN'T WASTING ANY TIME SENDING A LANDING PARTY!
AH! HERE HE COMES NOW... RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP!
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HA! THE SENTIMENTAL FOOL! HE THINKS HE IS SAVING A LIFE BY SURRENDERING TO ME! LITTLE DOES HE KNOW WHAT'S IN STORE FOR HIS FRIENDS!
BUT JUST BEFORE THE SMASHER REACHES THE RAFT..
WITH LUNGS ABOUT TO EXPLODE, HE RAMS A "SHUTO" KARATE BLOW UP INTO THE RUBBER RAFT!
(GASP) THAT SHOULD DO IT. (GULP) NOW BACK UNDER TO FIND BIGMOUTH AND TAKE UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF!

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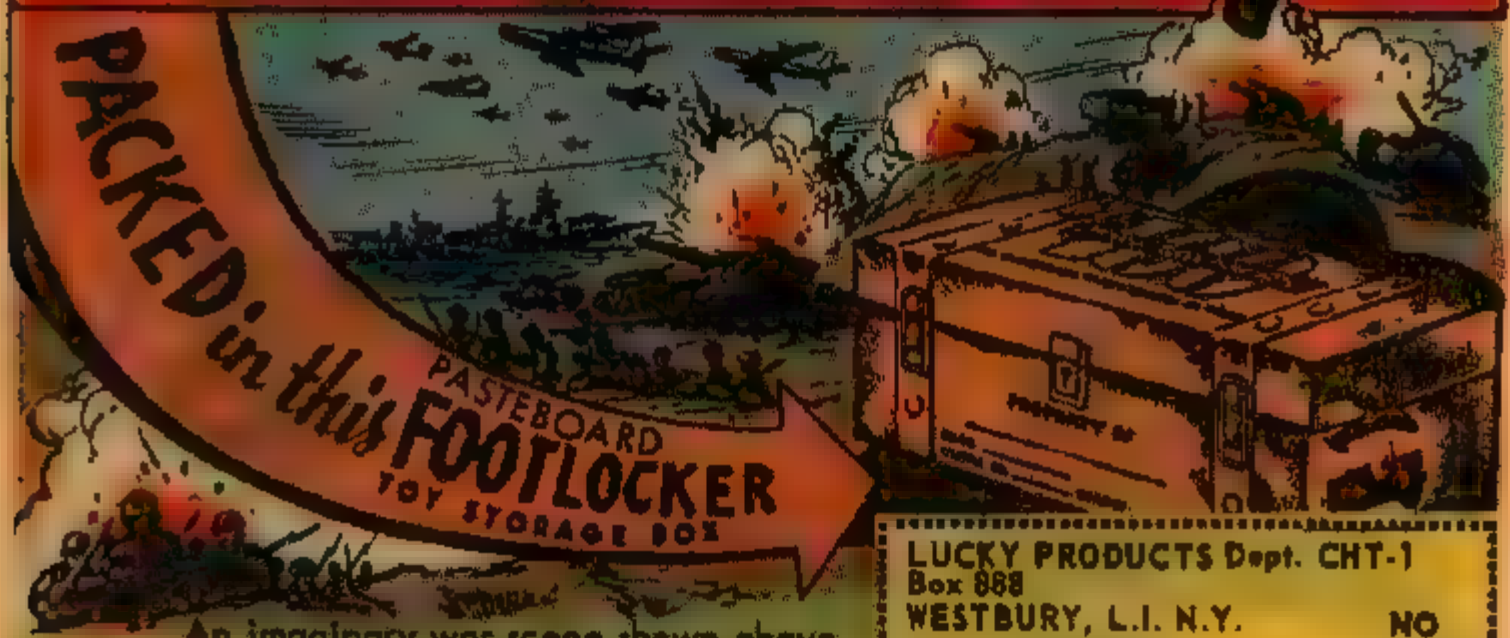

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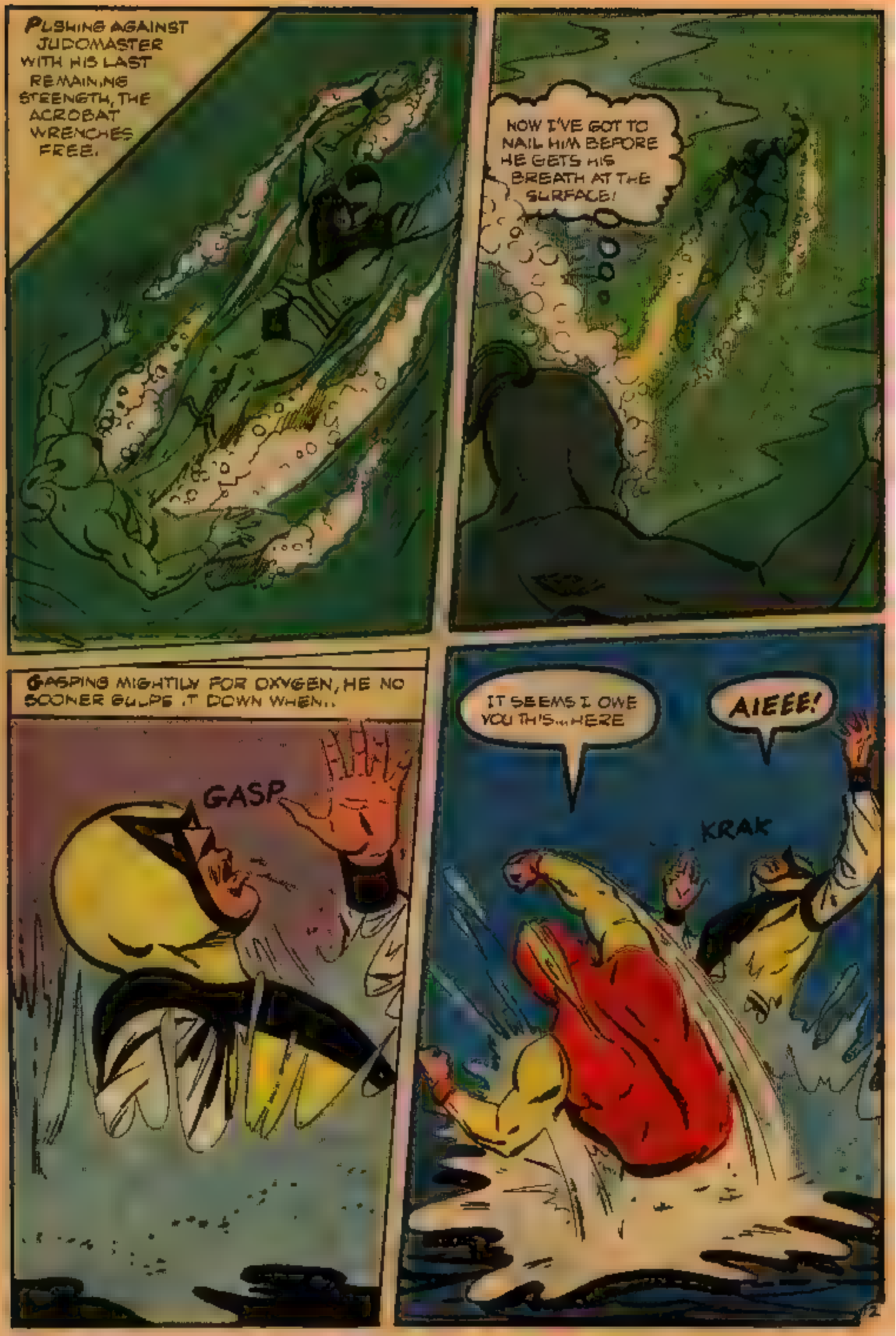
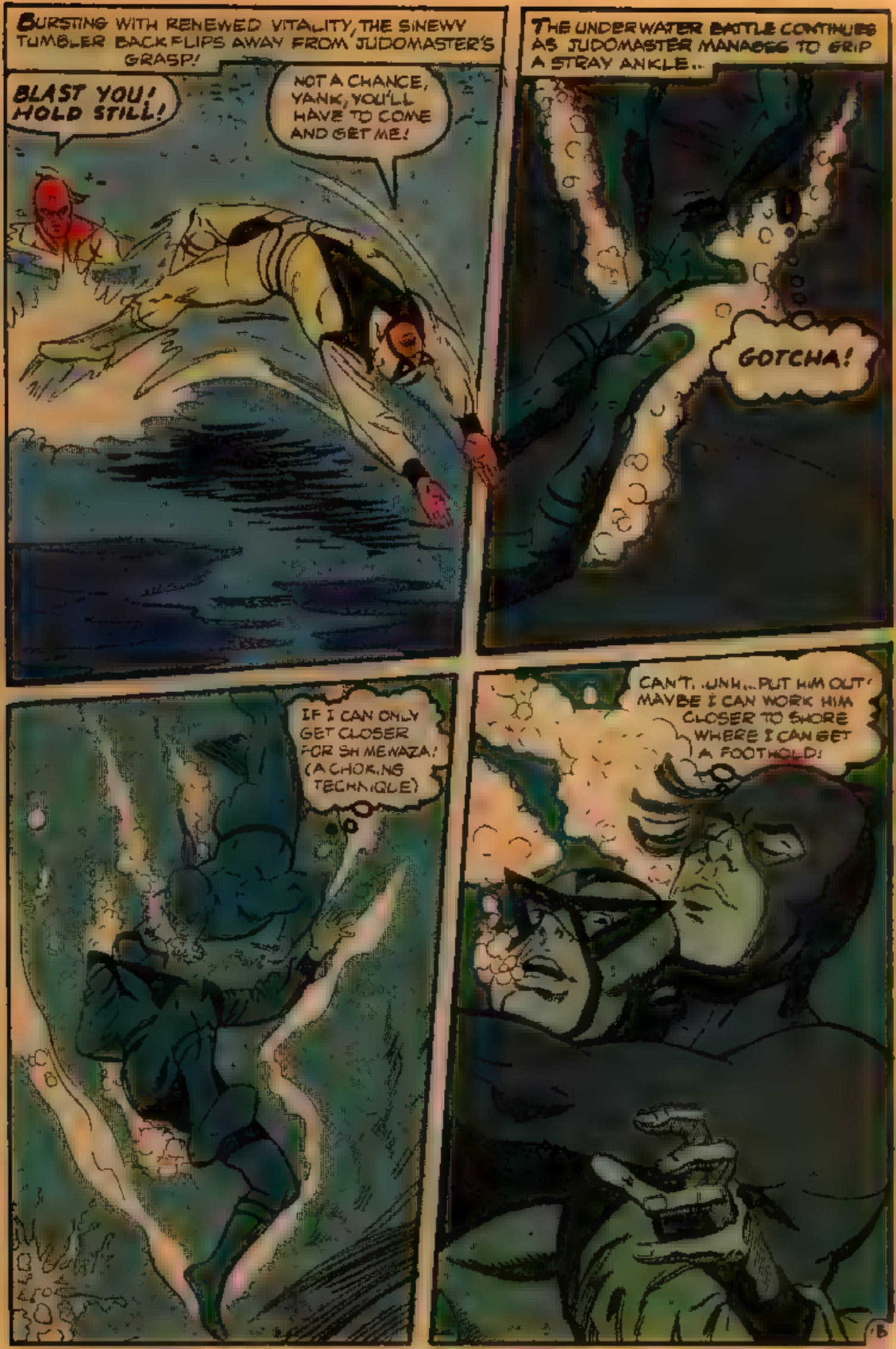
QUICKLY FILLING HIS LUNGS WITH AIR, THE SMASHER DIVES LIKE A HUNGRY SHARK FOR BAT! AND THERE IT IS... STRAIGHT AHEAD!
THE SURPRISED ACROBAT IS PANIC-STRICKEN AND IN DANGER OF DROWNING AS HE BATTLES FOR SURVIVAL!
FIGHTING WITH THE STRENGTH OF A DROWNING WILDCAT, THE JAP CHAMP GETS THE ADVANTAGE WITH A POWERFUL STRANGLEHOLD!
A SUDDEN BLOW, TO THE STOMACH EXPELS WHAT LITTLE AIR REMAINED IN THE ACROBAT'S LUNGS.
CLOSE CALL HE ALMOST HAD ME


PUSHING AGAINST JUDOMASTER WITH HIS LAST REMAINING STEENGTH, THE ACROBAT WRENCHES FREE.
NOW I'VE GOT TO NAIL HIM BEFORE HE GETS HIS BREATH AT THE SURFACE!
GASPING MIGHTILY FOR OXYGEN, HE NO SOONER GULPS IT DOWN WHEN..
GASP
IT SEEMS I OWE YOU TH'S...HERE
AIEEE!
KRAK


BURSTING WITH RENEWED VITALITY, THE SINEWY TUMBLER BACKFLIPS AWAY FROM JUDOMASTER'S GRASP!
BLAST YOU! HOLD STILL!
NOT A CHANCE, YANK, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME AND GET ME!
THE UNDERWATER BATTLE CONTINUES AS JUDOMASTER MANAGES TO GRIP A STRAY ANKLE..
GOTCHA!
IF I CAN ONLY GET CLOSER FOR SH MENAZA! (A CHOKING TECHNIQUE)
CAN'T. .UNH.. PUT HIM OUT' MAYBE I CAN WORK HIM CLOSER TO SHORE WHERE I CAN GET A FOOTHOLD!
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THE ACROBAT'S FRIENDS ARE GREETED ON SHORE BY BUSHURI'S BOYS WHO TREAT THEM TO A ROUGH WELCOME!
HIAEEE!
HIAEE!
TIGER WASTES NO TIME IN BRUSHING UP ON HIS OWN STOMACH THROW!
...WHILE BUSHURI CUTS HIS MAN DOWN WITH A WICKED OSOTO GARI (CROSS-HOCK THROW)
AFTER MAKING QUICK WORK OF THE ACROBAT'S MEN... BUSHURI'S BAND TURN THEIR ATTENTION TOWARD THE WATER!
HERE COMES JUDOMASTER WITH THE ACROBAT! NOW WE SEE ONCE AND FOR ALL WHO IS THE REAL CHAMPION!

THE WARY COMBATANTS SQUARE OFF IN SHALLOW WATER FOR THE SHOWDOWN!
IT'S ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTING, PAL!
WITH A SILENT FURY, THE HOLDER OF JUDO'S HIGHEST RANK GOES ABOUT DISPOSING OF HIS ADVERSARY IN A BUSINESS-LIKE WAY.
TRY THIS ONE FOR STARTERS!
AEEEE!
IN AN ATTEMPT TO FINISH OFF THE TUMBLER WITH GROUNDWORK, JUDOMASTER BECOMES A BIT OVER-ANXIOUS AND...
NOW THE TABLES ARE TURNED! I HAVE THE UPPER HAND!
WITHOUT WARNING, THE JAP BRANDISHES A HIDDEN WEAPON!
I'M READY FOR YOU THIS TIME, MY FRIEND!
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YOU'VE FOOLED ME WITH THAT THING FOR THE LAST TIME!
A QUICK SIDESTEP AS THE WIRE LINE WHIZZES PAST AND .
A HARD YANK ON THE LINE JERKS THE AMAZED ACROBAT OFF HIS FEET.
COME TO PAPA.
NOW FOR A LITTLE INFIGHTING...THE KIND I LIKE, WHERE I PITCH AND YOU CATCH.
IT'S TIME WE TOOK A PEEK UNDER THAT FALSE FACE OF YOURS AND SEE WHAT YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE.
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AIEEE! T IS AS I FEARED ALL ALONG
WHA... RIP, IT IS MY BROTHER!!!
YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU SEE HOW THE IMPERIAL WARLORDS USED YOU? THEY KNEW WE WERE BROTHER AND SISTER.
MY COUNTRY MEANS MORE TO ME THAN A FAMILY I HARDLY KNOW!
.. BESIDES, IT WAS A CHANCE TO PROVE I AM SUPREME CHAMPION OF WORLD.
FORGET IT, SUZI! HE CAN'T BE CONVINCED OF ANYTHING!
SUZI, SOME DAY THIS WAR WILL BE ANCIENT HISTORY! WHO KNOWS HOW THINGS WILL BE CHANGED BY THEN? ..BUT IN THE MEANTIME...
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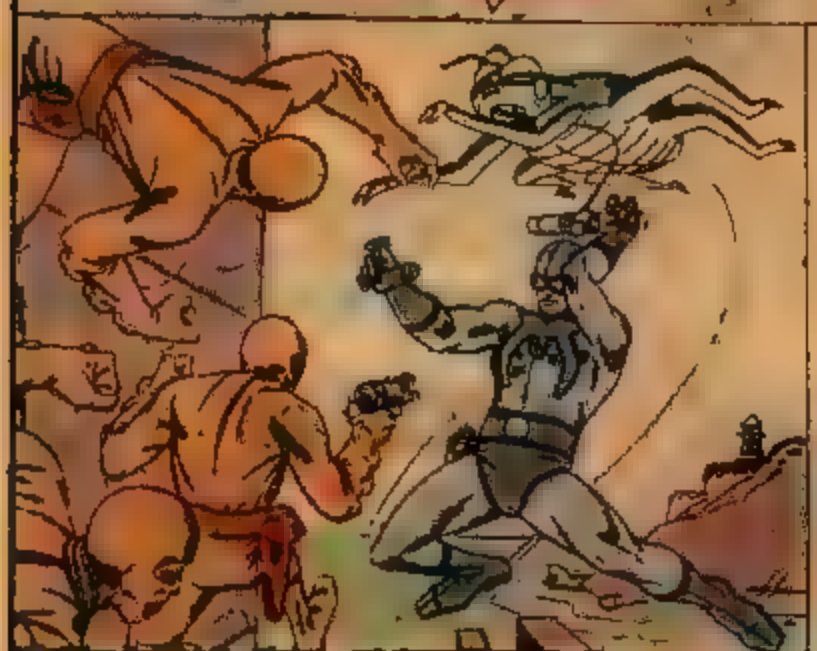

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LETTERING: A. MACHINE

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU FIND ME STANDING AROUND MY BEAUTIFUL SECRETARY'S APARTMENT, THINKING ABOUT SOME OTHER GAL. BUT TODAY IT'S DIFFERENT. TODAY A LOVELY CLIENT DISAPPEARED. HER NAME IS BEBE SUMMINS AND SHE HIRED ME TO FIND HER FATHER AND PROTECT HER. BUT WHILE I WAS BUSY WITH ONE PART OF THE JOB IT LOOKS LIKE I NEGLECTED THE OTHER. SOMEBODY GOT TO HER AND AS IF THAT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH...
UH-OH! GOTTA MOVE FAST!
I'VE BEEN A FOOL! I SHOULD'VE REALIZED THEY'D LEAVE SOMEONE BEHIND TO FINISH ME OFF!
BAM!

TAKING THE GIRL WASN'T ENOUGH! NOT SINCE SHE RETAINED ME!
THEY KNOW MY REP... KNOW I'D KEEP LOOKING FOR HER FATHER NO MATTER WHAT! AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY DON'T WANT!
BAM!
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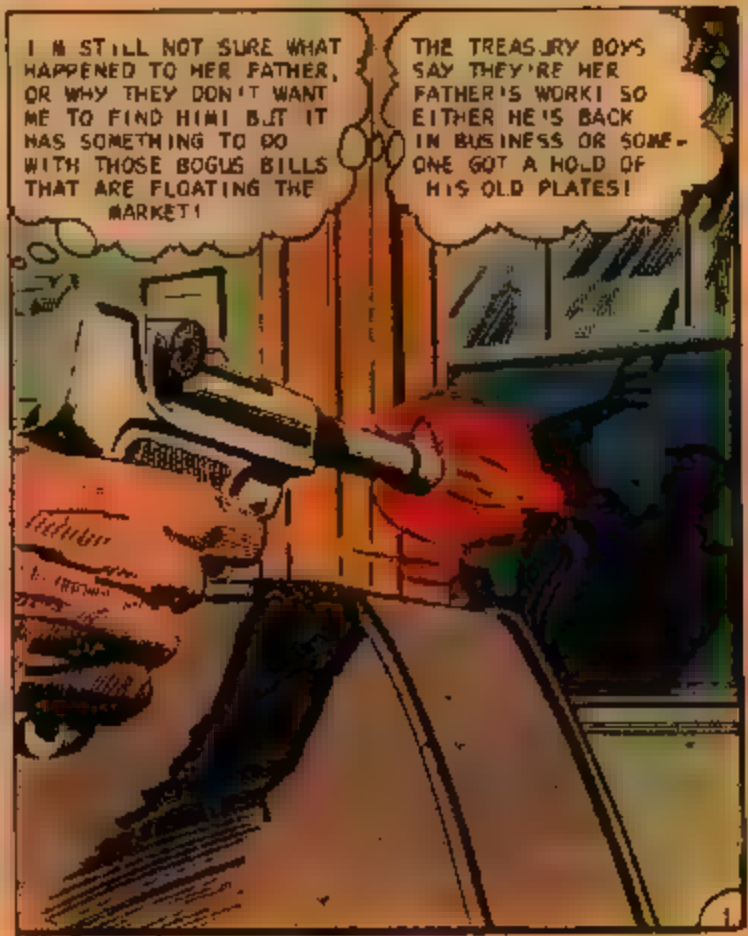
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED TO HER FATHER, OR WHY THEY DON'T WANT ME TO FIND HIM! BUT IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE BOGUS BILLS THAT ARE FLOATING THE MARKET!
THE TREASURY BOYS SAY THEY'RE HER FATHER'S WORK! SO EITHER HE'S BACK IN BUSINESS OR SOMEONE GOT A HOLD OF HIS OLD PLATES!

BUT WHOT THAT'S THE BIG QUESTION! NONE OF THE USUAL SOURCES HAVE ANY IDEA WHO S BEHIND THIS OPERATION.
BAM! BAM!
THE FIGHT'S OVER. I FINISHED ONE SNIPER! THE OTHER'S ON THE RUN, DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE!
THIS BOY WON'T BE TELLING ME ANYTHING! AND THE OTHER'S TOO FAR GONE!
SO I'M LEFT WITH THE SAME OLD LEADS... THE THREE MONTH OLD DISAPPEARANCE OF ERIC SUMMINS. A FORMER BIG NAME IN COUNTERFEITING... AND THIS NOTE HIS DAUGHTER LEFT FOR ME!
Sarge!
Sorry I bugged out. Meet me tonight at A Cafe Long Spoon in the Village.
Bebe
ANYWAY, I'M SUPPOSED TO THINK SHE LEFT IT! ACTUALLY ANYONE COULD HAVE WRITTEN IT! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A TYPEWRITER TO DISGUISE YOUR HANDWRITING!
I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET HER AT EIGHT! THAT STILL GIVES ME TIME TO CHECK ON A FEW THINGS. I HAVE A THEORY AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO SUMMINS. MY FIRST STOP IS THE DAILY MIRROR...
HI, MIKE MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR MORGUE?
NOT AT ALL, SARGE! HELP YOURSELF!
HERE IT IS! I THOUGHT SO! IT ALL FITS TOGETHER PERFECTLY!
IT IS STILL A HUNCH! BUT I'D LAY ODDS I'M RIGHT!
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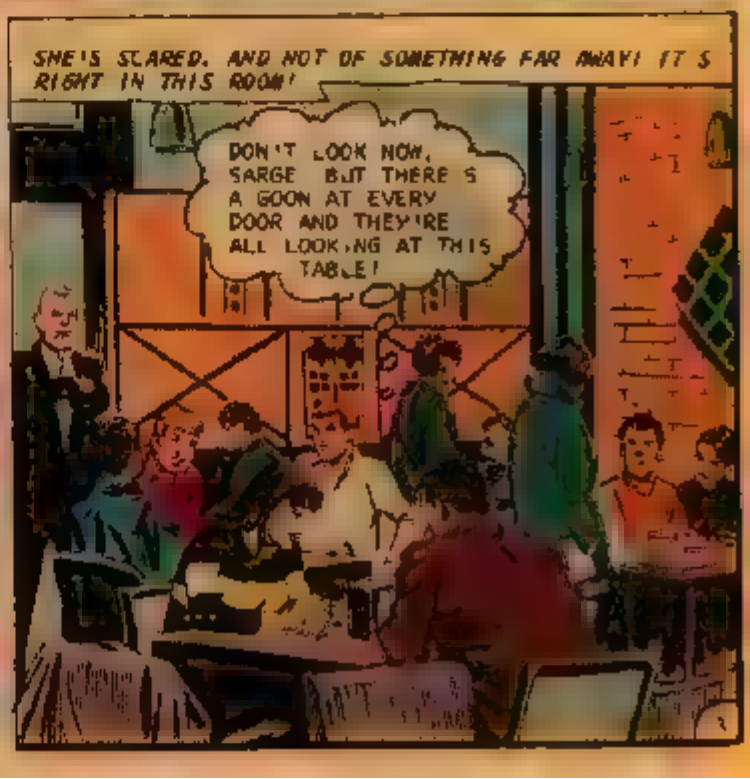
THE LONG SPOON'S A DUMP I NEVER HEARD OF, BUT I FIND IT EASY ENOUGH...
I WONDER HOW THIS PLACE FITS INTO THE PICTURE!
The LONG SPOON

AND SHE'S THERE...LOOKING AS LOVELY AS EVER...BUT HER EYES ARE SAD!
NO NEED TO TELL ME, KID! I KNOW IT WASN'T YOUR IDEA TO LEAVE! BUT WHY THE FROWN?
SORRY YOU HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE, MR. STEEL! THERE'S NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO! I'M GIVING UP THE SEARCH

THEY GOT TO YOU, HUH? WHAT'D THEY DO? THOSE DIRTY...
NOTHING! THEY...THEY JUST EXPLAINED THINGS TO ME! LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT!


SHE'S SCARED. AND NOT OF SOMETHING FAR AWAY! IT'S RIGHT IN THIS ROOM!
DON'T LOOK NOW, SARGE BUT THERE'S A GOON AT EVERY DOOR AND THEY'RE ALL LOOKING AT THIS TABLE!

I SAY IT LOUD AND CLEAR .. SO I CAN T HELP BUT BE OVER-HEARD...
YOU MAY BE GIVING UP, BUT I'M NOT! THERE S A FILTHY RACKET HERE AND I M NOT BOWING DOWN TO IT!
NO, SARGE WAIT
BUT I'M NOT WAITING! I'M HEADING FOR THE DOOR, HOPING THAT SOMEONE WILL TRY TO STOP ME! I GET MY WISH!
YOU'D BETTER LISTEN TO WHAT THE LADY SAYS!.
BROTHER, YOU DON T KNOW HOW GLAD I AM YOU SAID THAT!
THE NEXT SECOND, HE S FLYING...JUDO STYLE!
I SEE THE OTHER TWO CONVERGING...THEY'RE PLAYING IT JUST THE WAY I WANT IT!
NOT ANOTHER MOVE, MR. STEEL
DON'T WORRY! I'M NOT ABOUT TO DO ANYTHING STUPID!
...YET!
THE CITY IS FILLED WITH CRAZY PEOPLE . PEOPLE WHO MIND THEIR OWN COFFEE WHILE SOMEONE S BEING BARGHED OUT OF A DUMP AT GUNPOINT...BUT THIS TIME I DON'T MIND AT ALL!
YOU RE COMING, TOO
MY HUNCHES HAD BETTER PAY OFF! S OR 'M FINISHED ...PLAIN AND SIMPLE!

THEIR GUNS ARE WELL-CONCEALED AS WE WALK THROUGH THE STREET ...WE LOOK LIKE A BUNCH OF FRIENDLY TOURISTS...
DOWN THE NEXT STREET!
A PRINT SHOP...WHERE THEY PUT TOGETHER THOSE THIN VOLUMES OF BEAT POETRY! SO FAR MY HUNCHES ARE COMING THROUGH!
E-Z Printer
IN THE BASEMENT, THE WHOLE SET-UP...SPECIAL PRESSES, THE PLATES, THE PAPER...AND THE HEAD MAN!
SO...HE D DN'T COOPERATE MR. STEEL, I FIGURED I'D BE MEETING YOU TONIGHT!
THAT WILL BE ALL, BOYS. BUT LEAVE THE GIRL HERE!
HE S SOMEONE I HADN'T FIGURED ON, BUT I'D RECOGNIZE THAT FACE ANYWHERE...FRANK JOHNSON, A CRIME SYNDICATE BIG-WIG! BUT HE WENT STRAIGHT LONG AGO ...OR SO I THOUGHT!
NICE LAY-OUT YOU HAVE HERE, MR. JACKSON! OR DON'T YOU GO BY THAT NAME ANYMORE!
CALL ME WHAT YOU WILL, MR. STEEL! I'M ALWAYS LENIENT TO THE CONDEMNED!
HE S RELEASING THE SAFETY...TIME TO MAKE MY BID...
NOW, KID! MAKE A RUN FOR IT GET OUT OF HERE AND GET THE POLICE HE WON T SHOOT YOU ONCE HE TAKES THE GUN OFF ME...HE S FINISHED!
IT WON'T WORK, STEEL! SHE KNOWS WHAT I'D DO TO HER FATHER IF SHE DID!
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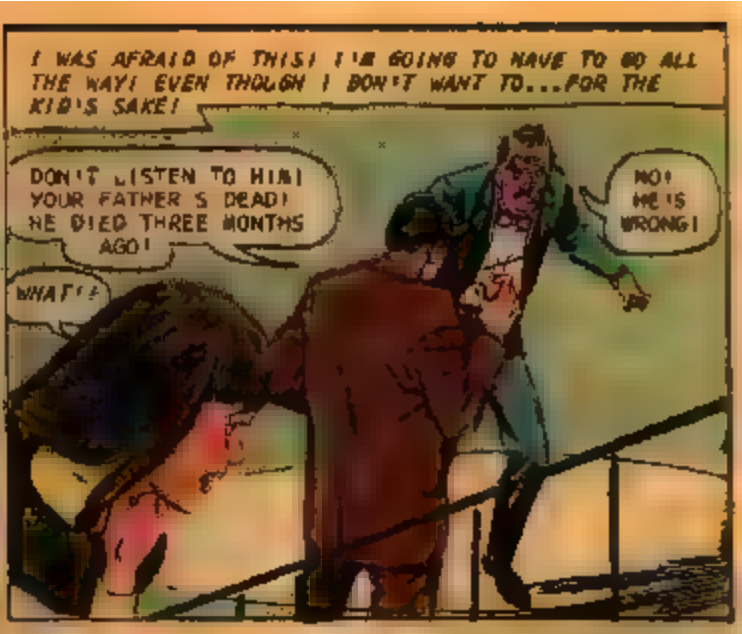
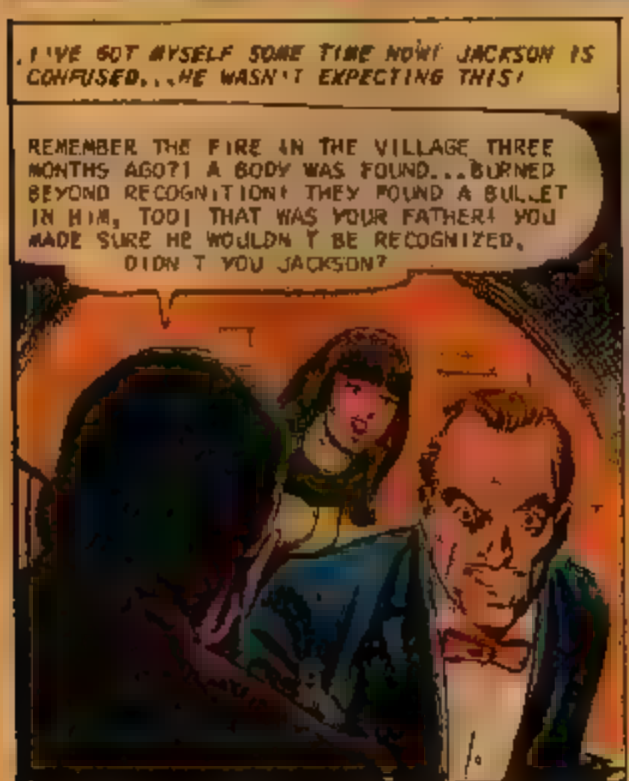
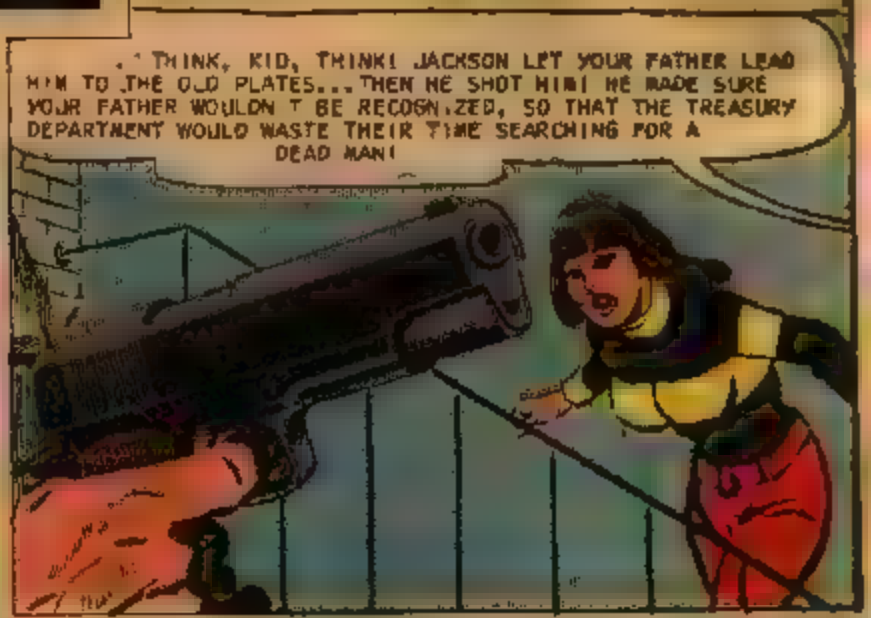
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, KID? YOU'RE NEXT! HE WAS ONLY KEEPING YOU AROUND FOR THE BAIT! WHY DO YOU THINK HE BROUGHT YOU HERE!
THAT'S ENTIRELY ENOUGH, STEEL! MISS SUMMINS KNOWS I HAVE NO REASON TO HARM HER...SHE'S NO THREAT TO ME WHILE I HAVE HER FATHER STASHED AWAY!


I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY! EVEN THOUGH I DON'T WANT TO...FOR THE KID'S SAKE!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! YOUR FATHER'S DEAD! HE DIED THREE MONTHS AGO!
NO! HE'S WRONG!
WHAT!?


I'VE GOT MYSELF SOME TIME NOW! JACKSON IS CONFUSED...HE WASN'T EXPECTING THIS!
REMEMBER THE FIRE IN THE VILLAGE THREE MONTHS AGO?! A BODY WAS FOUND...BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION! THEY FOUND A BULLET IN HIM, TOO! THAT WAS YOUR FATHER! YOU MADE SURE HE WOULDN'T BE RECOGNIZED, DIDN'T YOU JACKSON?


THINK, KID, THINK! JACKSON LET YOUR FATHER LEAD HIM TO THE OLD PLATES...THEN HE SHOT HIM! HE MADE SURE YOUR FATHER WOULDN'T BE RECOGNIZED, SO THAT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WOULD WASTE THEIR TIME SEARCHING FOR A DEAD MAN!

IT WORKS. SHE BELIEVES ME... POOR KID!
HE'S TURNING TOWARD HER..GOT TO MAKE THIS FAST!
HE EVEN WENT SO FAR AS TO LET IT LEAK TO THE TREASURY BOYS THAT I KNEW WHERE YOUR FATHER WAS! HE FIGURED THEY'D WASTE THEIR TIME WATCHING ME AND SLOW DOWN MY PROGRESS AT THE SAME TIME! THIS WAS YOUR MISTAKE! IT STARTED ME WONDERING! AND CAME UP WITH ONE THEORY WHY YOU'D DO THIS!
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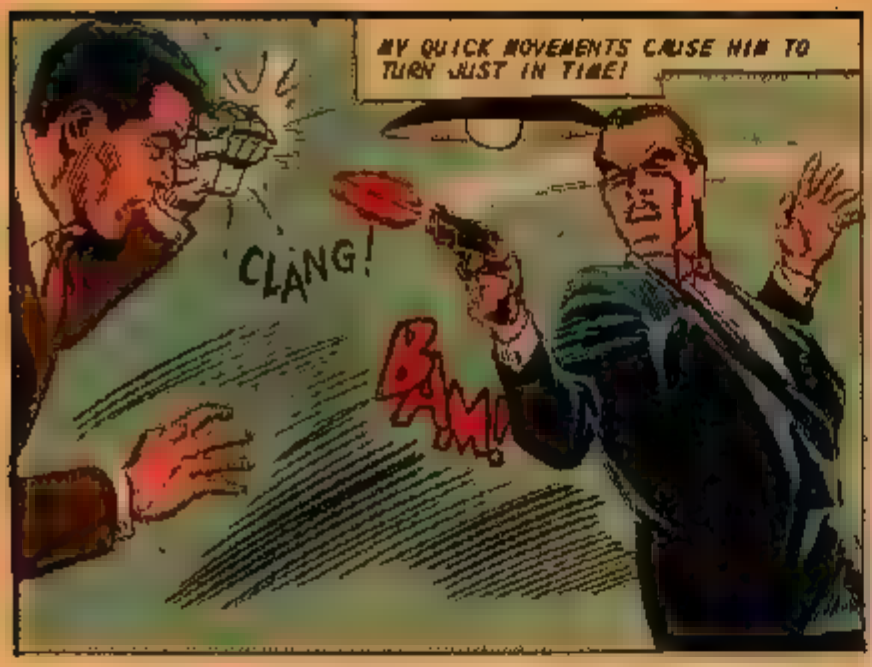
MY QUICK MOVEMENTS CAUSE HIM TO TURN JUST IN TIME!
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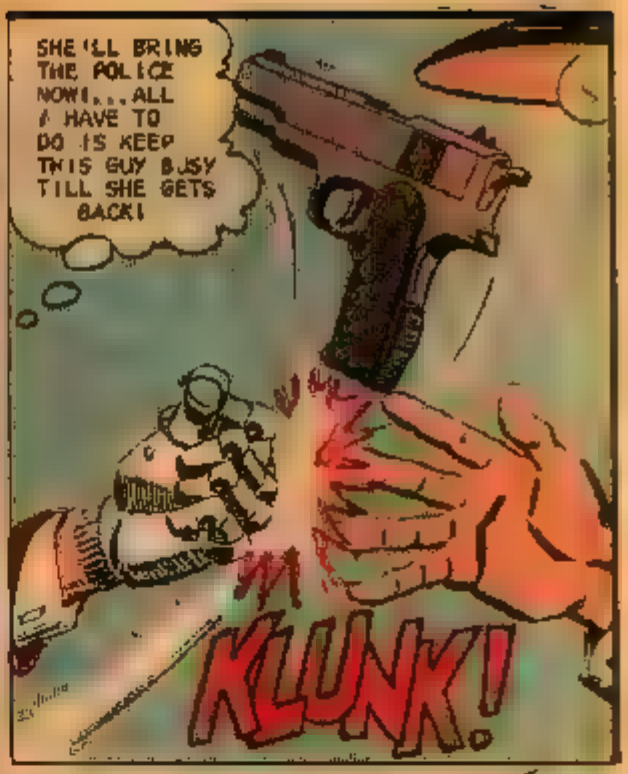
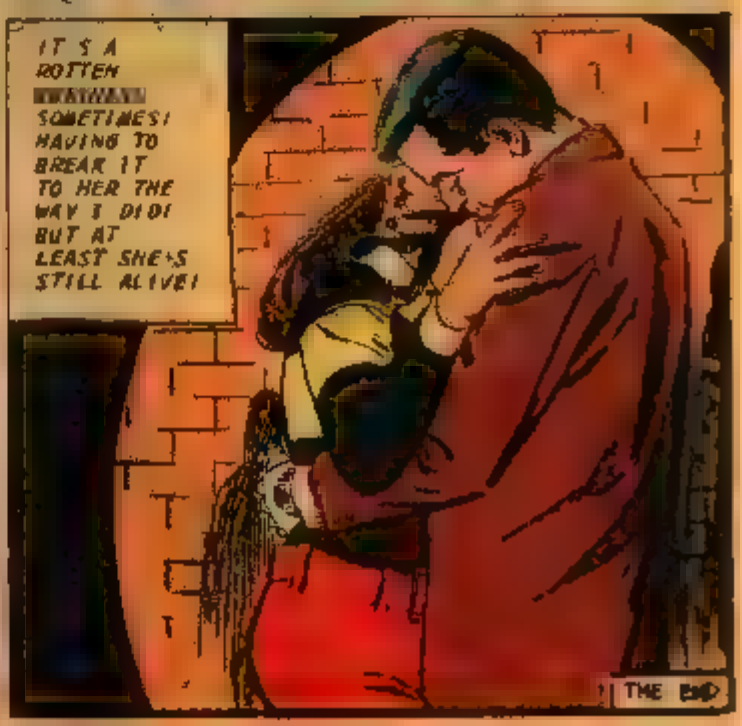

SHE'LL BRING THE POLICE NOW!... ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP THIS GUY BUSY TILL SHE GETS BACK!
KLUNK!

I USUALLY DON'T USE THE HEAVY ONE UNLESS I HAVE TO! FOR THE LIKES OF YOU... I DON'T NEED IT!
UNGH!

AND WHEN SHE RETURNS...
WHAT'S THIS GIRL BABBLING ABOUT, MISTER? MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN!
I SURE CAN! BUT YOU'D BETTER GET SOME HELP! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF STONE-SCATING AND ROUNDING UP TO DO!

IS T... TRUE ...ABOUT MY FATHER?
I'M AFRAID SO, KID! IT WAS ONLY A HUNCH! BUT I CHECKED IT OUT RIGHT BEFORE I CAME HERE! THE POLICE GOT ONE FINGER PRINT OFF THE DEAD MAN... THEY WERE CHECKING IT OUT ON RECENT OFFENDERS! I TRIED IT ON YOUR FATHER'S RECORD... AND IT FIT


IT'S A ROTTEN [redacted] SOMETIMES! HAVING TO BREAK IT TO HER THE WAY I DID! BUT AT LEAST SHE'S STILL ALIVE!
THE END

Dear Editor

I have finished reading JM #95 and found a mistake in it. In the first pages to my surprise I saw The Cat. I thought he was killed in JM #90 (Although I'm glad to see him again.) I don't see how he could recover from such a fall as he had.

I liked the way The Acrobat easily conquered The Cat, Smiling Skull and Mountain Storm, but I don't see how they can have a return bout with JM after being made fools of by The Acrobat.

The art work was well done but the writing is either too light, too big or messy and sloppy especially on page four, fifth frame, page ten, second frame and page thirteen, second frame. Also the shadow work needs to be sharpened up a bit.

I object to the idea of having Sarge Steel take up half the fireworks when it takes so long for JM to complete a mission.

BJ Gallagher
118 West End Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13905

We never did say that The Cat was dead! Of course, seeing him fall off a cliff would give that impression. One of the wonderful things about the comic world is that we can take certain liberties...artistic license, if you will... in order to accommodate the present needs.

The messy "writing" on the specified pages was a result of poor printing, not poor lettering. The same applies to the shadow work! Bear with us... we're working on it.

Sarge doesn't "take up half the fireworks!" Only seven pages out of twenty-five.

Dear Editor

Congratulations! The Acrobat is one of your greatest villains. I can't wait till next issue. I wish you'd drop Tiger. Use him as a secret weapon, only to be used if Judomaster is harmed. Please have a few pin-ups in your future issue.

Salvador Juste
105 Roland Avenue
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Tiger will not be used extensively in every Judomaster adventure...only when the plot suggests the need of his presence.

We're working on some pin-ups now. Soon, fellas, soon!

Dear Editor

I was in town with nothing to do so I bought a bunch of comics. I never bought yours before but I got one then. Boy, was I missing out on a good thing! I went back and bought every different one of yours I could find. JUDOMASTER and PEACEMAKER are absolutely your best, next is CAPTAIN ATOM and then THUNDERBOLT. Do you sell back issues and how long after you order a subscription is it before they come? Please answer soon 'cause I have to know. Thank you, guys.

Harry Ripley, Jr
Route #1, Box 34
Bradford, Maine 04410

Thanks, Harry. Stay with us...the best is yet to come.

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Dear Editor

(I hope that this letter is printed in JUDOMASTER.) I am writing this letter with suggestions in it. Of your seven super-hero mags, you can have nine. I am going down the row: (1) JUDOMASTER - take out Sarge Steel and the judo things and give Judomaster the whole mag; (2) CAPTAIN ATOM - take out Blue Beetle and give Capt. Atom the whole mag; (3) THUNDERBOLT - take the Sentinels out and give them their own mag and give Thunderbolt the whole mag; (4) FIGHTIN' 5 - take Peacemaker out and give the Fightin' 5 the whole mag; (5) SECRET AGENT - give Secret Agent the whole mag; (6) PEACEMAKER - take the Fightin' 5 out and give Peacemaker the whole mag; (7) BLUE BEETLE - take out the Question and give him his own mag and give Blue Beetle the whole mag.

Congratulations on all the good work.

Bill Hicks
311 West Columbia
Magnolia, Arkansas

Let's see if we can explain this. In order to be granted second class mailing privileges by the post office (essential to our business), a comic magazine must contain a companion feature. That is, a feature other than the main character. In other words, we can't give JUDOMASTER (or anyone else) the whole mag!

Of course, we could make JM longer and put in any ol' thing in a three page story at the back of the book. But that "any ol' thing" would be a waste. As it is Judomaster runs 18 pages, which is almost as long as Marvel's features and still has enough left over for a good second feature. Check around and you'll find that we give more comic pages (25) than most of our competitors...and we are soon to expand that by the addition of two more pages (making 27 pages)!

Dear Editor

Issue #91 was the first issue I bought. Could you please tell me what number you gave to the first JUDOMASTER and tell me how many issues preceded #91 because I'd like to complete my collection. (You guys have the wildest way of numbering things!)

Judomaster's groovy, but I don't like the idea of a junior partner.

Sarge Steel is okay, I guess.

Bill Greenhouse
40 Petal Lane
Hicksville, New York 11801

Issue #91 was actually the fourth issue. Issue #3 was numbered 90 August, issue #2 was numbered 89 June and issue #1, which was intended to be a summer one shot, was SPECIAL WAR SERIES-JUDOMASTET No. 4, November 1965. Please don't ask us to explain...we're not sure, either!

We're glad you guess Sarge Steel is okay...but you could be a little more constructive. Perhaps with your help, we could make Sarge "groovy", too!

Dear Editor:

I, as you can see by the stationery, am a Marvelite. I just picked up my first JUDOMASTER. But when I looked into the letter column, I expected the usual demeriting Marvel usually receives from others. But what did I see: "Much of Marvel's success is due to the artists', particularly Jack Kirby's, plotting their own stories. Add to this Stan Lee's considerable talent and you can see why they're where they are."--JUDOMASTER #93. Well, I must say that those words really grabbed me.

I have the tendency to really despise National. This is due mainly because of their copying and demeriting.

I looked back on the same shelf the next day and there was JUDOMASTER #94. I really liked both of them. You have another customer... me. I looked for more mags by Charlton and I saw CAPTAIN ATOM and PEACEMAKER. They are great. The cover on JUDOMASTER #93 was excellent. It looks as though I came in just in time to "MEET THE TIGER." Since I just arrived I am not an expert but from what I see you are really going to get somewhere. Especially if you ADVERTISE your comics. Well, keep those mags comin'.

Bob Pressley
237 Nassau S.T. Apt. 2-H
Brooklyn, N.Y.

We're glad you joined us and thanks for your kind words. Keep buying Marvel...but keep us in mind, too! There's enough for everyone.

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on a magnificent, overwhelmingly different array of super-powered characters, Judomaster and Tiger! The marvelous usage of color featured in JUDOMASTER #92 and 93 depicted from the increasingly paced artwork is excellent! The plot from which both stories emerged was fabulous, surpassing D.C.'s variety of super-heroes. However, Marvel is still the master and Charlton's JUDOMASTER equals only some Mighty Comics' creations.

The Smiling Skull is actually a take-off from the Red Skull! (One of Marvel's own unique developments of the 1940's!) The battle epic between Judomaster and the Smiling Skull was truly terrific, with the ending excelling most other companies' creations.

The expressions of Judomaster's emotions throughout the two issues are perfectly composed. The cover of #92 is quite crowded and needs room for improvement. However, on the cover of #93 of Judomaster, the background of the face of a tiger outlined the two lone figures perfectly. He who has created the idea of Judomaster deserves much credit and the same goes for the Tiger's and JM's uniforms.

The villains of Judomaster are quite poor compared to Judomaster himself. Better costumed villains with maybe a special skill or talent that can be displayed while battling JM and the Tiger. A person with the mastery over a whip in a colorful exquisite uniform.

The corners of your JM covers portray JM as a karate, jujitsu and judo expert, the same as Marvel displays. The basic system in which JM loses his sight has been displayed in a D.C. and Marvel magazine but with no such effect on his/her brain as to feel self-pity. However, with this effect, the Tiger emerged as a result.

The original portrayer of continued stories was Marvel as it continued to display fantastic, fabulous, magnificent and marvelous stories in most featured issues. Now D.C. and Charlton have seemed to develop a taste for this kind of work. How about pinups of these two? Work a little more on art. Thanks for a wonderful book!

Mark Campbell
1508 Rossman S.E.
Grand Rapids, Mich.

I assure you we didn't lift the Smiling Skull from the Red Skull. We knew nothing of him when we introduced the Smiling Skull in SARGE STEEL #3! If Marvel had reintroduced the Red Skull before this, we were not aware of it...and who can remember back to the 40's...we can't!

Frank joins me in extending our thanks for your kind words and your criticisms.

By the way, Mark, next issue we're introducing a new costume villain for JM to battle...let us know what you think.

Dear Editor:

Yup, it's me again! Only this time I will comment on JUDOMASTER. In the letter col, you asked whether you should continue Tiger or drop him. Well, here is what I think. Don't drop him; just place him in an issue once every three stories. And while I'm at it, why not feature a second strip about JM today, instead of your usual sloppy second story. Ooh, that hurts. Oh well, bitter and sweet, and all that rot.

JM is still a good character, but his art is suffering; that is to say, the background is. You lack any detail in it at all, even if you have one to start with. But the stories are still very good. Get rid of the pigtail, please. URP! Blue Beetle shouldn't be cursed with anything like that. Maybe T-Bolt, but not BB.

All kidding aside, your mags are improving tremendously, but your covers still lack that something special. I guess you would call it a lack of detail and background. Hmm. Where have I heard that before?

I will never be sorry that I subscribed to the Charlton mags, and I'm sure that no one else will, either.

I have a brilliant idea. Every other comics group has a special emblem or something to identify their mags from others. So get one for yourself besides that puny little circle of yours. Honestly! But anyway, here's to your success.

Alan Renfrow
7911 Acme Way
Louisville, Ky.

Yeah, well...will someone please explain, "You lack any detail in it at all, even if you have one to start with." We have a copy of JM #94 in front of us as we write this and we don't notice a lack of necessary background detail...unless you mean something other than what I call backgrounds.

We've done it at last! We've got a new emblem and a new cover logo format starting with this issue of JM. The new emblem (dominated by a large "C") and logo format will appear on our entire line within the next few months. Because of scheduling problems, some titles will have it before others.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes

WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you can and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities — intelligence, character, dignity — all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed

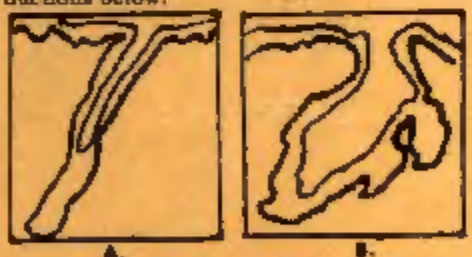
MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups:

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragment of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.



A. Normal skin

B. Sick, pimply skin

Diagram A shows a normal-size smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.

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